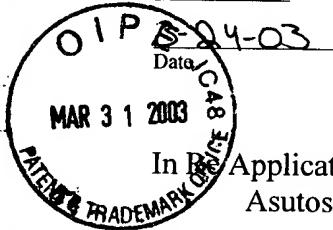


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office

Action mailed October 23, 2002:

- Two months to March 23, 2003. The extension fee is:
 - \$205 for a small entity. \$410 for a large entity.
 - A check to cover the \$410 extension fee is attached.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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